Poor quality food served in IA flights

658. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding the poor quality of food served in the Indian Airlines flights;

(b) how much it costs to Indian Airlines for each breakfast, lunch and dinner which it serves to passengers;

(c) the number of times Indian Airlines Board reviews the facilities provided to the passengers including the food and at what level it is monitored; and

(d) whether Government will consider appointing a high level Committee to go into the quality of food and other facilities provided to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On an average Indian Airlines is spending about Rs.115/- per passenger on meals.

(c) Indian Airlines has a separate In-flight Service Department to look after the In-flight Service. This Department check on the quality of food and reviews the menu. It is reviewed at the Board Level also from time to time.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

New Civil Aviation Projects in Karnataka

659. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up by his Ministry in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned the International Airport for Bangalore at Devenahalli; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider giving immediate approval for the project?